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Man Convicted of Killing Another on Pomona Lawn

A 49-year-old man was convicted yesterday of fatally beating another man in Pomona, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Following an 11-day trial, a jury found Andre Lamont Swafford guilty of second-degree murder in case KA103402.

Swafford is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 12 in Department H of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. The defendant faces up to 42 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 9, 2013, Swafford went to his girlfriend's Pomona home.

During the visit, Swafford got into a brawl with victim Vincent Louis Clardy, who was also in the home, the prosecutor said.

As the two men fought with each other on the home's front lawn, Swafford choked the victim until he passed out, the prosecutor added.

About an hour later, Clardy, 40, died from multiple traumatic injuries, according to court testimony.

Soon after the attack, Swafford was arrested in connection with the killing.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.